

Burien City News

CITY OF BURIEN

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CITY COUNCIL MESSAGE

We're pleased to report that, despite the economic forces that are wreaking havoc around the Puget Sound, the City of Burien is doing just fine financially. So far we've been able to avoid staff reductions and curtailing of programs and services. Our budget for the next two years maintains current staffing and program levels, and expands in some areas to meet the demands of a city that grew by 14,000 new residents in 2010.

Our relatively young city is financially stable, and we continue to move forward. Early next year we will conduct a visioning process, building on the vision developed by the City's founders in 1993 that has helped bring us, among other things, a centrally located people place, Burien Town Square. We'll be asking residents to think again about the future of the community, how it should look and feel in the next few decades. The community vision that results will be incorporated into planning documents and help guide the City's growth.

Despite the slow economy, we are still growing and improving. Most notable is the start of construction of the multi-story parking garage at the Metro park-and-ride lot downtown on 4th Avenue Southwest. The garage is a key part of the development of a pedestrian-oriented transportation hub that will serve residents of the downtown area and other Burien neighborhoods.

The City will get a new finance director in December, Kim Krause. We're pleased that the City was able to conduct a search and hire a key department head without the expense of using a professional head-hunter, which is the norm with most cities. The City's Human Resources director saved the City \$40,000 by conducting the search in house rather than hiring a professional recruiter.

We were gratified to see the outstanding field of 18 candidates who applied for the Council position that Kathy Keene is leaving. We'll decide in early December on Keene's successor. We wish Councilmember Keene well in her retirement, and thank her for her service.

— Your City Council

2011-2012 Budget Maintains Staff, Service Levels

The 2011-2012 biennial City Budget maintains the levels of municipal services that residents expect from their City government.

While the budget does not include any major initiatives and puts off large discretionary expenditures, it provides for current and future stability. Expenditure and revenue projections are conservative and the budget maintains a 10% "rainy day fund".

"Despite the uncertain and volatile economic conditions and financial problems facing other local governments, the City of Burien is doing just fine," City Manager Mike Martin told the City Council in his budget message. "The City is struggling under the same financial burdens as other cities, but we are managing."

The 2011-2012 City budget, scheduled to be adopted by the Council on Nov. 29, totals \$89.1 million and includes a \$43.7 million general fund, providing necessary resources for ongoing operations and for maintaining current City services. It contains a staff salary increase of 1% in 2011, and if possible, 2% in 2012. City staff did not receive any increases in 2009 and 2010 due to the downturn in the economy and economic uncertainty.

The budget provides funds for two new initiatives:

Visioning – \$35,000 is allocated for a

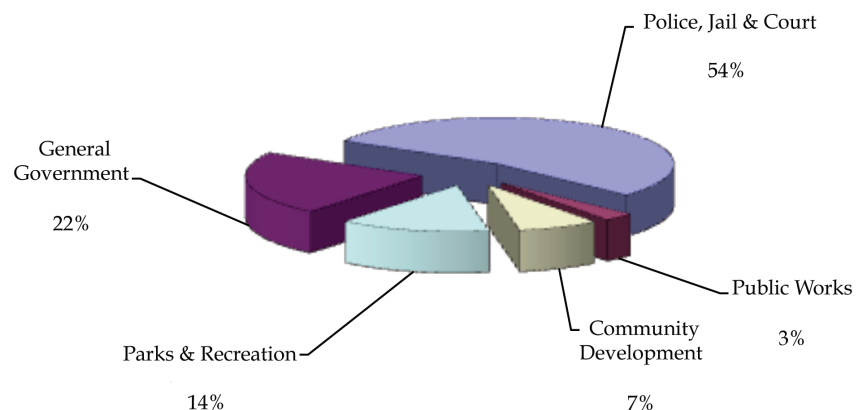
city-wide effort to determine the direction Burien residents would like to take the community over the next 20 years. It will build upon the vision that has guided the community since incorporation in 1993, guiding all aspects of the community's development and dominating the City's work plan in the future.

Police Department – \$50,000 is allocated in each of the next two years to determine whether the City should create its own police department. Currently the City's contract with the King County Sheriff's Department for police services accounts for nearly half (49%) of the City's general fund. The upcoming studies may find it more cost-effective for Burien, now a city of 45,000 after the North Burien annexation, to have its own police department.

Residents can see the budget online at www.burienwa.gov or at Burien City Hall.

The City of Burien budget has consistently been recognized over the years for its presentation excellence. The Government Finance Officers Association has awarded Burien its Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for six consecutive years. Gary Coleman, Interim Finance Director, has been responsible for preparing the budget since 1998 when he joined the City. Previously he was an auditor with the State Auditor's Office.

2011-2012 General Fund Expenditures



GOVERNMENT SERVICES

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| CITY HALL..... | 241-4647 |
| E-Mail burien@burienwa.gov | |
| Website: www.burienwa.gov | |
| City Hall North: 11846 Des Moines Memorial Dr. | |
| COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT | |
| Planning Division | 248-5510 |
| Building Division | 248-5520 |
| Code Enforcement..... | 248-5507 |
| CITY ATTORNEY | 248-5531 |
| CITY COUNCIL | |
| Joan McGilton, Mayor | 241-4647 |
| Rose Clark, Deputy Mayor | 241-4647 |
| Brian Bennett, Councilmember | 241-4647 |
| Jack Block, Councilmember | 241-4647 |
| Kathy Keene, Councilmember | 241-4647 |
| Lucy Krakowiak, Councilmember | 241-4647 |
| Gordon Shaw, Councilmember | 241-4647 |
| CITY JOB LINE | 248-5534 |
| CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE | 248-5508 |
| FINANCE | 241-4647 |
| FIRE DEPARTMENT | |
| Fire District #2 | 242-2040 |
| North Highline F.D. | 243-0330 |
| HUMAN RESOURCES..... | 248-5504 |
| PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL SERVICES | |
| Website: www.BurienParks.net | |
| 14700 6th Ave. SW | 988-3700 |
| POLICE DEPARTMENT | |
| Burien Precinct #4 | |
| 14905 6th SW | 296-3333 |
| PUBLIC WORKS..... | 248-5521 |
| 24 hr. street or drainage concerns..... | 296-8100 |
| SENIOR PROGRAM | |
| 14700 6th Ave. SW | 244-3686 |
| OTHER NUMBERS | |
| Citizen Complaints | 248-5530 |
| Parking Complaints/ | |
| Police Tip Hotline | 205-0969 |
| ANIMAL CONTROL | 870-8471 |
| CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | 575-1633 |
| DISCOVER BURIEN. | 433-2882 |
| DISTRICT COURT (Burien Courthouse) | |
| 601 SW 149th St. | 296-0144 |
| DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ADVOCATE | |
| (425) 961-0618 Cell Phone (206) 947-3852 | |
| BURIEN LIBRARY..... | 243-3490 |
| BOULEVARD PARK LIBRARY..... | 242-8662 |
| WHITE CENTER LIBRARY..... | 243-0233 |
| SCHOOL DISTRICT (Highline) | 433-0111 |
| SEWER | |
| SW Suburban Sewer Dist. | 244-9575 |
| Midway Sewer | 824-4960 |
| Valley View Sewer | 242-3236 |
| SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE | |
| 151 SW 156th Street | 243-0289 |
| WATER DISTRICTS | |
| Water District #20 | 243-3990 |
| Water District #49 | 242-8535 |
| Highline Water District..... | 824-0375 |
| Seattle Water..... | 684-5900 |

State Seeks Public Input on Burien Shoreline Program

The Washington Department of Ecology (DOE) seeks public input on Burien's proposed Shoreline Master Program comprehensive update and scheduled a public hearing for Wednesday, Dec. 8, 6:30 p.m. at Burien City Hall Council Chambers. DOE has also set a public comment period that began in early November and extends through December 17.

The DOE review follows the Burien City Council's approval of the draft Shoreline Master Program (SMP) on September 27. The Council's action followed two public hearings and multiple discussions of the program at Council meetings, attracting large citizen involvement. Initial work on the update was done by the City's Shoreline Advisory Committee, which forwarded its recommendation to the City Planning Commission. The Planning Commission conducted a public process, and in March 2010 forwarded its recommended draft SMP to the Burien City Council.

The DOE will decide if Burien's proposed program update meets the requirements of the State Shoreline Management Act and

the Shoreline Master Program Guidelines. DOE will determine whether the buffers, setbacks and vegetation management provisions proposed in the shoreline program are adequate to achieve no net loss of ecological function, and whether the shoreline program makes adequate provision for public access. Public input and comment on these and other issues are encouraged.

The DOE will decide whether to approve the program as is, or approve the program with required changes, or deny approval at this time and work with Burien on bringing the program into compliance with all applicable laws and rules.

Citizens can submit written comments and questions to: Regional Planner Bob Fritzen, 1440 10th Street, Suite 102, Bellingham, WA 98225 or email: bob.fritzen@ecy.wa.gov. Comments must be received by 5 p.m. on Dec. 17.

For more information on the DOE review process, see the website: www.ecy.wa.gov. Review the Shoreline Master Program on the City website: www.burienwa.gov.

Budget Includes \$200,000 for Human Services

The City of Burien sets aside 1% of their General Fund expenditures each year to support human services. For 2011, that amount is \$200,000. The City held an application process earlier this year and received 50 applications requesting more than \$480,000.

Recommendations for funding were reviewed by the City Council and approved on November 22, in conjunction with approval of the budget. The majority of funds focus on basic services, such as food, shelter, and health programs. The following agencies will receive funding:

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| Catholic Community Services | \$10,500 | Multi-Service Center | \$3,000 |
| Child Care Resources | \$5,000 | Navos | \$6,000 |
| Consejo Counseling & Referral Services | | New Futures | \$32,000 |
| | \$9,500 | Pregnancy Aid of SKC | \$2,000 |
| Crisis Clinic | \$9,000 | Refugee Support Service Coalition | \$4,000 |
| Domestic Abuse Women's Network | \$10,000 | Senior Services | \$7,000 |
| HealthPoint | \$8,000 | Society of St. Vincent de Paul | \$10,000 |
| Highline Area Food Bank | \$10,000 | Tukwila Pantry | \$5,000 |
| Highline Medical Group | \$10,000 | White Center Food Bank | \$10,000 |
| Hospitality House | \$7,500 | YMCA - Matt Griffin | \$12,000 |
| King Cty Sexual Assault Resource Ctr (KSARC) | \$7,500 | YWCA | \$8,000 |
| | | Contingency/misc. | \$14,000 |

Sign Up for E-Newsletter

Are you receiving the City's electronic newsletter? Burien City Report is sent out via e-mail around the 15th of each month to people who have signed up to receive it.

The electronic newsletter contains the brief news items from Burien City Hall. You can sign up by going to the City's home page at www.burienwa.gov and clicking on "Sign up for E-newsletter" on the left.

Town Square Condo/Retail Complex Gets New Owner

The Burien Town Square condominiums and retail complex have a new owner, Chicago-based Corus Construction LTD, which acquired the property through a foreclosure proceeding on Oct. 29 from Urban Partners. ST Residential Co., also headquartered in Chicago, is managing the property for the new owners.

The condominium/retail project was completed in June of 2009 but only six of the 124 condos have sold and closed. None of the ground-level retail spaces have been leased. The new owner is planning a revised marketing program for the condos and retail space to begin shortly after the first of next year.

The completed condo/retail development is the first of three planned phases of the residential and retail project. Development of the remaining two phases, which are not affected by the foreclosure and are continuing to be owned by Urban Partners, have been put on hold because of the slow economy, although Galaxy Theaters had expressed interest in constructing a multiplex cinema on a portion of the remaining site. Negotiations involving the multiplex project are continuing.

The City has no financial stake in the condo complex, although the City owns the Burien Town Square park and is a joint owner of the adjacent building that houses the King County Library and Burien City Hall.

Nominate Outstanding Citizens for Annual Awards Program

Do you know someone whose good work has made a difference in the community? Residents can nominate outstanding citizens in the annual Outstanding Citizens Award Program in the following categories: citizen, business person, educator or environmental leader. Winners will receive recognition at the City's annual awards ceremony, scheduled for March 4, 2011, at the Burien Community Center.

To nominate a person, describe how the nominee contributes to the community and how these contributions are unique. Submit your nominations by Feb. 7, 2011, to Burien City Hall, 400 S.W. 152nd St., Ste 300. For information call Adriene Buckley at (206) 241-4647.

Construction of Parking Garage Gets Underway

Downtown Burien's revitalization took another step forward this fall with the start of another major project – a multi-story parking garage at the site of the Burien park-and-ride lot at 4th Avenue Southwest and Southwest 150th Street. A groundbreaking ceremony on Oct. 23 kicked off construction of the 462-stall garage and an adjoining 43-space surface lot that will add 164 spaces to the transit center's previous parking capacity.

"This is a very exciting milestone for the City of Burien... another positive step in Burien's effort to make our downtown a true regional growth center," said Burien Mayor Joan McGilton.

The \$20.5 million project represents the second phase of the three-phase redevelopment of the transit center. Completed late next year, the garage will include 10 charging units for electric vehicles, with capacity for 40 additional charging stations. The new garage is scheduled to open in December 2011.

In June 2009, the new transit center opened adjacent to the park-and-ride lot. The final phase of the transit center redevelopment includes a transit-oriented development (TOD) project with commercial retail space and affordable housing at the south end of the lot, adjacent to the new garage. The TOD portion of the project is on hold due to the downturn in the economy.



View of the parking garage from the northwest.

The Burien Transit Center parking expansion represents an innovative public-private partnership between King County, Sound Transit, and Alliance Wasatch I, LLC, to fund the design and construction of the garage. In addition to \$14.7 million from Sound Transit, the County has secured \$7.3 million in Federal Transit Administration grants for project design and construction. The project will generate 100 construction jobs in Burien as well as providing rental income to the BBC Dodge property owners, who are providing a temporary park-and-ride lot at 1st Avenue South and South 148th Street during construction.

Metro Parking Lot Closed – The Burien Transit Center parking lot is closed during construction of the new parking garage on the site. During the closure, an interim parking lot is available about two blocks east of the Burien Transit Center, on the northeast corner of 1st Avenue South & South 148th Street. Routes that stop at the main Transit Center also stop at the interim lot. The Burien Transit Center will remain open for transit service during this time.



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"This new park-and-ride will create more capacity and a sustainable transportation hub in King County that will include affordable housing, better transit connections, and electric vehicle charging," said King County Executive Dow Constantine. "This stronger link between land use and transportation will give residents in Burien and South King County easier access to multiple options for traveling throughout our region."

Recycle Your Leftover Cooking Oil in Burien

If you're like many others, you've probably wondered what to do with your leftover cooking oil. The solution is simple: Recycle it for free at a local drop-off station.

From Nov. 17 to Jan. 19, Waste Management and General Biodiesel, along with the City of Burien, are offering free cooking oil drop-off stations at two convenient Burien locations:

- Burien Municipal Parking Lot – 634 S.W. 151st St., 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. M-F.
- North City Hall – 11846 Des Moines Memorial Drive S., 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. M-F

Please store your cool, used cooking oil in a clear, plastic jug with a secure lid. You will pour used cooking oil into a large collection container at the drop off site, so please use a container that will allow for easy pouring.

Only used cooking oil will be accepted at the collection containers. For more information on how to recycle other liquids, like paint and motor oil, please visit: www.kingcounty.gov/whatdoIdowith.

Help Prevent Flooding

During heavy rains and storm events in the fall, flooding may take place at any time without warning. You can help prevent this unexpected flooding by:

- Clearing leaves and debris away from street gutters, storm drains and grates.
- Cleaning your gutters and downspouts at least once a year.
- Collecting fallen leaves on your property and either composting them or disposing of them in your yard debris container.
- Keeping an eye on the street drainage system to make sure the storm water reaches the drain. If the storm drain appears to be clogged, please call Burien Public Works at (206) 248-5521.

Remember, do not sweep or dump grass clippings, leaves or debris into the street, drainage ditches, storm drain system or pond facilities.

For more information, contact Ken Srilofung, Storm Water Engineering Technician, City of Burien Public Works Department, at 206/439-3154 or kens@burienwa.gov.

Curb and Sidewalk Improvements on Ambaum

In November construction crews began improvements to curbs and sidewalks on Ambaum Boulevard, beginning at Southwest 112th Street and working their way south to Southwest 156th Street. Next, crews will do the same type of work starting at Southwest 156th Street and work their way north to Southwest 112th Street.

Resurfacing and road improvement projects throughout the City will continue in the spring when the weather improves. This includes the resurfacing of the entire length of Ambaum Boulevard from Southwest 112th Street to 4th Avenue Southwest.

The Ambaum project is part of the Citywide roads overlay project approved by the Council earlier this year. The resurfacing project is being funded through bonds and revenue from the Transportation Benefit District \$10 car tab fee approved in June 2010. The City will ensure that the public is kept informed about street closures and traffic delays that might affect residents and businesses.

1st Avenue South Phase 2

Construction is scheduled to begin in early 2011 on Phase 2 of the 1st Avenue South Improvement project, between South 140th and South 146th streets. Improvements include



The storm drainage system below Southwest 128th Street is being rebuilt.

widening to provide left-turn lanes, and the addition of curbs and gutters, planter strips, street trees, sidewalks and decorative street lighting. Overhead utilities will be placed underground. Completion is scheduled for late 2011.

South/Southwest 128th Street Storm Drainage System Repairs Continue

Construction crews continue repair work on the storm drainage system located below South/Southwest 128th Street. Drivers can expect intermittent lane closures on South/Southwest 128th Street. At no time will the road be completely closed but drivers may experience delays. The drainage repairs should be complete by early 2011.

City Road Crews Preparing for Snowy Winter

City road crews are gearing up for the cold, snowy winter that weather forecasters are predicting.

In prior years the City has contracted with King County Public Works crews to conduct snow removal on Burien roadways, but this winter the City has its own crews and has acquired two dump trucks equipped with plows.

The crews have been practicing installing chains and driving the routes that will most likely need to be plowed in a snow event. The City crew will concentrate on roads south of South 136th Street. King County crews will sand and plow roads north of 136th under contract with the City. The City and County crews will be in contact, ready to assist each other if necessary.

Burien will have two crews each working 12-hour shifts, available 7 days a week. "Our goal is to have roads clear for traffic, for emergency vehicles, and to keep traffic

moving," said Maintenance Manager Samir Basmeh.

Snow plowed from the street may pile up and block some driveways. Residents are asked to clear their own driveways and sidewalks. The public can also help by clearing snow, leaves and other debris from storm drains in the street near their homes, in the event of snow or flooding.

King County is under contract with the City to conduct de-icing throughout Burien, in the event of freezing temperatures but no snow. The county crews will spray de-icing chemicals on major arterials and primary routes prior to freezing temperatures. This product is certified by the state to be safe for the roads and the environment.

To view a map of snow routes – arterials and other streets that will be plowed first – see www.burienwa.gov. Go to "I Want To," "View," "Map Collection," "Snow Routes."

Survey Shows Residents Like Living in Burien

The majority of Burien residents think that Burien is a good or excellent place to live and believe the City is headed in the right direction. This is according to a Community Assessment Survey in July 2010 in which 461 telephone surveys were conducted by a consulting firm. Residents were selected at random for the survey and included residents in the recently annexed North Burien area.

The goal of this study was to measure citizens' satisfaction with the City of Burien and the perceived quality of life here. Further results were used to determine residents' satisfaction with City services, including police, fire, parks and recreation, streets and sidewalks, and public information.

The City Council will use the survey results to prioritize projects and City services to best serve citizens. Results were compared to those in similar surveys conducted in 2007 and 2008. See the entire survey online at www.burienwa.gov/communitysurvey.

Here are some of the survey's key findings:

- More than three-quarters of residents rated Burien and their neighborhood as a "good" or "excellent" place to live.

- "Lack of economic/commercial growth" and "reducing crime" were the most commonly mentioned challenges facing Burien.

- Transportation and safety-related issues were the most frequently suggested neighborhood improvements: more police patrols/presence; build/improve walkways and paths; and reduce crime.

- The top reasons for choosing to live in Burien were related to location and affordable/comfortable lifestyle, including "proximity to work," "affordable living" and "nice area/close to water/parks."

- Two-thirds of residents were satisfied with the value they receive from taxes and three-quarters are satisfied with the job the City is doing for the Burien community. Four of five respondents were satisfied with the quality of City services offered.

- The majority of residents feel safe in the City of Burien. Almost all feel safe walking alone in their neighborhood during the day; three of five feel safe walking alone in their neighborhood after dark.

Volunteers Investigate Salmon Returns to Streams

Two dozen intrepid volunteers from the Highline community are helping us to better understand the health of Miller and Walker creeks, which run through Burien. Since October 9, two-person volunteer teams have been inspecting four locations on the creeks each day in a new program called the Community Salmon Investigation for Highline, or CSI: Highline for short.

In addition to counting living adult salmon, the teams cut open carcasses to determine whether the fish were able to spawn before they died.

The volunteers go out rain or shine unless the streams are running too high to survey safely. The monitoring program concludes in December with the end of the chum salmon run.

Volunteers received training on how to record data, conduct necropsies, and walk the streams safely and without damaging redds (salmon egg nests in the gravel).

Because salmon are the "canary in the



CSI volunteers examine the carcass of a male coho salmon that they retrieved from Miller Creek.

coalmine" for Puget Sound streams, the health of the fish reflects the degree to which water quality, stream flows, and streamside vegetation are healthy.

This volunteer project is part of the stream stewardship program jointly funded by Burien, Normandy Park, SeaTac, the Port of Seattle and King County.

For more information or to volunteer for the 2011 season, contact Dennis Clark, dennis.clark@kingcounty.gov, (206) 296-1909.

Northeast Redevelopment Tops Legislative Priorities

The City of Burien's "2011 Federal & State Legislative Priorities" received City Council approval in October. The priorities focus primarily on the continuing effort to bring commercial development to the Northeast Redevelopment Area (NERA).

A major step planned to achieve the NERA redevelopment is improving the interchange at SR 518 and Des Moines Memorial Drive (DMMD). The proposed interchange project is envisioned to be done in two phases. The first phase involves a new off-ramp from eastbound SR 518 onto DMMD. The second phase is a longer-term plan to create a new approach from DMMD to westbound SR 518 (to southbound SR 509 and downtown Burien), and to improve safety with separate access to northbound SR 509, from both westbound SR 518 and DMMD.

Other priorities for Burien's legislative work in 2011 include maintaining the state tools that cities use to finance infrastructure such as roads, storm water systems and parks.

The City will also work on a proposal to allow local jurisdictions the opportunity to create a "public safety authority" to give cities the ability to work with other neighbor communities to establish a type of sub-regional police force.

The City's priorities include supporting the Puget Sound Partnership's funding request for shoreline protection plans; keeping funds that the state has previously committed to cities to help pay for the services they provide; creating a program to allow residents to return unused drugs for safe disposal, and working with other jurisdictions on the issue of municipal electric utilities charging different rates to customers outside of the city.

The Mayor and staff have been meeting with members of the City's state legislative delegation this fall to review the City's priorities prior to the 2011 session, which begins on January 10.

**Local Emergency Information
Tune to 540 AM
Radio Free Burien**

EMPTY BOWLS



JOIN US FOR A MEAL AND HELP FIGHT HUNGER IN OUR COMMUNITY!

Friday, January 28

11:00 AM-2:00 PM, 4:00-8:00 PM

Moshier Art Center, 430 S 156th, Burien

\$15 (minimum) donation, \$10 for children

Proceeds benefit Highline & White Center Food Banks

Moshier Community Art Center Potters have teamed up with Discover Burien to bring you Empty Bowls 2011. Empty Bowls events can be found around the country raising money to combat hunger in our communities. Potters have donated bowls to be filled with soup at this fun event...all are invited!

Your donation will get you the opportunity to pick out a beautiful handmade bowl, as well as a simple but wonderful meal of soup, bread, dessert and drink; all donated by local businesses.

www.MoshierArtCenter.org, (206) 988-3700

Volunteers Needed for Citizen Advisory Boards

Applications are being accepted from Burien residents for openings on the Burien City Council's advisory boards: the Arts Commission; Business & Economic Development Partnership; Parks & Recreation Board; and Planning Commission.

Application forms are available at Burien City Hall, 400 SW 152nd Street, Ste. 300, or on the city's website at www.burienwa.gov/boards. Applications are being accepted through January 7, 2011. Further information is available by calling Monica Lusk, city clerk, at 248-5517.

Seahurst Park North Shoreline Restoration to Begin

Seahurst Park will be undergoing a major restoration project beginning in the winter of 2010 and continuing until the summer of 2012. In partnership with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, restoration will include the removal of seawall, rock riprap, rock groins, paving and fill, then restoring beaches to replicate natural slopes and adding beach nourishment of gravel and sand substrates.

The entire park will be closed to the public and vehicular access from September 2011 until summer 2012. There will be no parking available in the park due to the demolition and construction staging, as the park from the northern boundary to the entrance road will be closed for construction. Pedestrian access only to the upland trails should remain available.

The Seahurst Park North Shoreline Restoration project follows earlier shoreline restoration work completed in 2005 with the Corps of Engineers along the southern shore of the park, and the results will be similar, but on a larger scale. The project area includes 2,800 feet of shoreline and extends from the park's lower parking lot to the northern park boundary and to the lower slopes of the forested bluffs.

The goal of the Seahurst project is to restore natural nearshore ecological processes to sustain a naturally functioning park shoreline and contribute to nearshore function within and beyond the park boundaries. The project will help re-establish the habitat that benefits endangered Chinook salmon and other species of salmon. Restoration of the gravel beach will provide a place for forage fish such as surf smelt and sand lance to spawn and become a food source for salmon. The restoration will also improve the nearshore eelgrass beds, which are used by juvenile salmon. Besides helping salmon, the project will extend the sandy beaches at the park.

Riparian planting will be added along most of the length of the project, with a small wetland/estuary added and supported by the North Creek and two smaller, perennial streams. The main park trail will be restored in the approximate location of the existing service road.

Funding for the shoreline restoration will be provided by the Army Corps of Engineers, and grants through the King Conservation District, Washington State Salmon Funding Recovery Board and Estuary and Salmon Restoration Program.

Burien Joins Coalition to Improve Communities' Health

The City of Burien has joined with SeaTac, Des Moines, Normandy Park and the Highline School District to improve the health of the Highline community with the creation of the Healthy Highline Communities Coalition (HHCC).

The coalition began as an informal discussion group made up of elected officials wanting to work together to improve their communities. It grew into a coalition that recently received one of the highly competitive Communities Putting Prevention to Work grants from the Centers for Disease Control as part of the Healthy Eating Active Living initiative (HEAL). The Communities Putting Prevention to Work grant program is focused on preventing chronic diseases, such as heart disease and diabetes, and improving health outcomes by focusing efforts on environments that support health through policy, systems, and environmental-level change that will have a long-term positive effect for our communities.

With HEAL funds, the City of Burien has hired a full-time management analyst to support the City's involvement in the Coalition and to oversee its implementation of the HEAL grant scope of work. It has also created a new senior planner position, funded in part through the HEAL grant, who will be coordinating the City's various planning efforts related to the grant.

The Healthy Highline Communities Coalition website at www.healthyhighline.org is a great resource for the community to learn about the project.

Noticias de Burien

Para nuestros lectores hispanos

Diciembre 2010

Habr  nuevo garaje de estacionamiento en el centro de Burien

La revitalizaci n del centro de Burien sigui  avanzando este oto o con el inicio de otro proyecto importante, un garaje de estacionamiento en el centro de tr nsito de Burien en la 4th Avenue Southwest y la Southwest 150th Street. El 23 de octubre, se celebr  una ceremonia para marcar el comienzo de la construcci n del garaje de 462 plazas y un estacionamiento exterior adicional con 43 plazas.



Construcci n del garaje en la esquina de la 4th SW y la SW 150th.

El proyecto, de un valor de \$20.5 millones, representa la segunda de las tres etapas del proyecto de reurbanizaci n del centro de tr nsito. Cuando se termine a finales del pr ximo a o, el garaje contar  con 10 unidades de carga para los veh culos el ctricos, con la capacidad de agregar 40 unidades m s. Se proyecta que el garaje se abrir  en diciembre de 2011.

Encuesta: A los residentes les gusta vivir en Burien

La mayor a de los residentes de Burien cree que la Ciudad es un lugar bueno o excelente para vivir, y que la Ciudad va por buen camino, seg n una Encuesta de Evaluaci n de la Comunidad realizada en julio de 2010, en la cual una firma de consultor a entrevist  por tel fono a alrededor de 461 residentes. Se seleccion  al azar a los residentes a encuestar, incluyendo a los residentes del  rea reci n anexada de North Burien. Aproximadamente 16% de los encuestados eran hispanos, y de  stos, el 85% lleva m s de cinco a os viviendo en Burien.

El Concejo Municipal utilizar  los datos de la encuesta para priorizar los proyectos y servicios de la Ciudad para servir mejor a los residentes. Los resultados fueron comparados con los de otras encuestas realizadas en 2007 y 2008 para identificar los cambios. A continuaci n aparecen algunas de las conclusiones de la encuesta:

- M s de tres cuartas partes de los residentes clasificaron Burien y su vecindario como un lugar "bueno" o "excelente" para vivir.
- Los desaf os m s frecuentemente mencionados son "la falta de crecimiento econ mico/comercial" y "combatir la delincuencia".

- Las mejoras a los vecindarios m s frecuentemente sugeridas ten an que ver con el transporte y la seguridad: Mayor presencia polici aca y m s patrullas; la construcci n o reparaci n de caminos y senderos; y la reducci n del delito.

- Las razones m s citadas para escoger vivir en Burien estaban relacionadas a la ubicaci n y un estilo de vida asequible y c modo, incluyendo "la distancia de casa a trabajo", "una vida asequible", y "un  rea bonita/cerca del agua/parques".

- Dos tercios de los residentes estaban satisfechos con el valor que reciben por sus impuestos y tres cuartos estaban satisfechos con c mo la Ciudad trabaja para la comunidad de Burien. Cuatro de cada cinco encuestados estaban satisfechos con la calidad de los servicios ofrecidos por la Ciudad.

- La mayor a de los residentes se siente en seguridad en la Ciudad de Burien. Casi todos se sienten en seguridad cuando caminan solos en su vecindario durante el d a, mientras que tres de cada cinco se sienten en seguridad cuando lo hacen de noche.

Los equipos de caminos se preparan para el invierno

Los equipos de mantenimiento de la Ciudad se preparan para el invierno fr o y la nieve que pronostican los meteor logos.

En a os pasados, la Ciudad ha contratado equipos de obras p blicas del Condado de King para quitar la nieve de los caminos de Burien, pero para este invierno, la Ciudad cuenta con sus propios equipos y ha adquirido dos camiones de volteo con quitanieves.

Los equipos han estado practicando la instalaci n de las cadenas y transitando las rutas que m s probabilidades tienen de nieve durante una tormenta. Los equipos de la Ciudad se enfocar n en los caminos al sur de la South 136th Street. Los equipos del Condado de King distribuir n arena y quitar n la nieve de los caminos al norte de la South 136th Street de acuerdo a contratos con la Ciudad. Los equipos de la Ciudad y del Condado estar n en comunicaci n, listos para prestar ayuda los unos a los otros de ser necesario.

Burien contar  con dos equipos, cada uno de los cuales trabajar  un turno de 12 horas, disponibles los siete d as de la semana.

La nieve quitada del camino podr a amontonarse a los costados de la calle y bloquear la rampa de estacionamiento de algunas casas. Se pide a los residentes que quiten la nieve de sus propias cocheras y banquetas. El p blico puede ayudar tambi n al sacar nieve, hojas, y otros escombros de los desag es de la calle frente a sus casas si se produce nieve fuerte o inundaciones.

El Condado de King tiene un contrato con la Ciudad para quitar el hielo en todo Burien si la temperatura cae bajo cero pero no hay nieve. Los equipos del condado distribuir n producto descongelante sobre las rutas principales y en las colinas frente a escuelas y hospitales.

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New Finance Director

Kim Krause will join the City in December as Finance Director. Krause comes to Burien from the City of Bell Gardens, Calif., population 47,000, where she was Finance Director. She has more than 25 years of accounting experience including 15 years in municipal finance, including Budget Manager for the City of Bellingham.



Kim Krause



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LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS

ORDINANCES

Ordinance 546 Amending Section 9.15.200 of the Burien Municipal Code (prohibiting alcohol in public places) to allow for the sale and consumption of alcohol at certain community events when authorized in advance by the City Manager rather than the City Council. 10/4/10

Ordinance 547 Adopted 2011-2012 Biennial Budget. 11/22/10

Ordinance 548 Set the 2011 Property Tax Levy. 11/22/10

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 316 Adopted the 2011 through 2016 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). 8/30/10

Resolution 317 Approved the Proposed Burien Shoreline Master Program. 9/27/10

Highline Community College Comes to Burien

Evening and weekend classes offered at Burien Community Center Annex.

Classes begin January 3, 2011

Winter credit classes include:

Pacific Northwest History

6 - 8:10 p.m. Mondays & Wednesdays

The Latino Experience

6 - 8:10 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays

Continuing Education classes:

Beginning French

Jan. 18 - March 8

9 - 10:30 a.m.

Tuesdays

Advanced French

Jan. 25 - March 1

10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays

For information:

• Call (206) 878-3710 ext. 3373

• Visit www.highline.edu/Burien

• Stop by 425 SW 144th St. in Burien, 4-7 p.m.

Monday through Friday.

Earthquake Drill Tests Emergency Notification System

The City tested its new "Burien Alert" emergency notification system in the statewide emergency management exercise on Oct. 6 that simulated an earthquake in the region. This was primarily a test for the approximately 250 people who had "opted in" their alternative electronic devices such as cell phones. The test was very successful – most individuals who were on the "opt in" list received automated calls telling them of the "earthquake" and proved Burien Alert's capability as a key communication method.

Residents may "opt in" to the Burien Alert system on the City website www.burienwa.gov. Look for the "Burien Alert" button on the lower left of the home page. The new emergency notification service which went into service on Sept. 15 alerts residents and businesses who have a land telephone line

to an emergency or other important community news in their area, such as severe weather, unexpected road closures, missing persons, and evacuation of buildings or neighborhoods.

The reverse-911 system uses listed phone numbers, but the service allows people to "opt in" to get emergency alerts on their cell phone, work phone, text message, e-mail, and more. People can also choose the locations they want to be contacted about, such as their parents' home, their workplace, and their child's school, as long as those locations are within the boundaries of the city. The information you enter is protected and will not be used for any other purpose. You can also sign up for a variety of "opt in" community alerts.

Pep Rally at Burien Town Square

Downtown Burien was filled with purple and gold when Highline High School students cheered on their team at a homecoming pep rally Oct. 29 at Burien Town Square. It was the first time the school had conducted a pep rally at Town Square. The event was co-sponsored by the Burien Parks Recreation and Cultural Services Department.

